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No. 1.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Colville, M.P., to Dr. Hafez Afifi Pasha.*

*Department of Overseas Trade,*

*35 Old Queen Street, S.W. 1,*

Dear Afifi Pasha,

*May 15, 1935.*

As you and your colleagues are about to return to Egypt, it is my pleasurable duty to express, on behalf of the United Kingdom Government, the great satisfaction which your mission's visit has caused them. We hope that you will return to Egypt feeling not only that you have been able to implement your terms of reference (which were to study the commercial relations between our two countries and to examine ways and means of placing those relations on an even more satisfactory basis), but that the friendly contacts which you and the members of your mission have established here will lead to a further development of our mutual commercial relations.

We on our side have provided the information necessary for a study of the problems involved, and we have offered suggestions which are designed to increase the volume of trade between the two countries.

In view of the importance of the United Kingdom market to Egypt, and of the general desirability of increasing the flow of trade between the two countries, I trust that the suggestions which we have made will receive sympathetic consideration by your Government.

*Yours very sincerely,  
JOHN COLVILLE.*

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No. 2.

*Dr. Hafez Afifi Pasha to Lieutenant-Colonel Colville, M.P.*

*Dorchester Hotel, London, W. 1,*

Dear Colonel Colville,

*May 15, 1935.*

I HAVE the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th May and to thank you for the kind terms in which you refer to the visit to the United Kingdom of the Egyptian Mission of Economic Enquiry.

We are deeply grateful to the United Kingdom Government, the civic authorities and the representatives of British industry and commerce for the generous hospitality extended to us and the very cordial and ready assistance which enabled us to establish the friendly contacts to which you refer and to collect comprehensive data on the problems involved.

May I therefore ask you to accept, on behalf of the United Kingdom Government, and to convey to all concerned, the sincere expression of our heartfelt thanks?

My colleagues and I intend to make the most careful study of the full information which we have collected since our arrival in England, and of the proposals which the representatives of the United Kingdom Government and of United Kingdom commerce and industry have made to the mission.

We share the desire of the United Kingdom Government that the volume of trade between our two countries should be increased, and I can assure you that my Government are equally desirous that this object should be achieved. We shall therefore give our sympathetic consideration to the proposals which have been made to us during our visit to the United Kingdom, and we feel certain that these proposals, together with any recommendations which we can make to our Government with the object of increasing the volume of trade between our two countries, will be examined by them in a spirit of most friendly co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,  
H. AFIFI.

